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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Executive Planning Division

SUBJECT : Organization of Former Employees of CIA

REFERENCE : Executive Director-Comptroller's Memo,
dated 3 September 1971, Subject: Item for
Deputies Meeting Agenda

1. In reference to the Executive Director-Comptroller's memorandum of 3 September 1971, attached are comments by the Chief and Deputy Chief/Employee Activity Branch/Personnel Security Division. I agree that as it is now proposed, I would oppose CIA sponsorship of this organization.

2. There are security problems involved in this proposal which to me are much more important than those which attach to the preparation of a Director of Members.

3. The proposal should be reworked to provide for the elimination of security concern as distinguished from the selection of ways to handle security problems.

4. One step should be to eliminate all procedures for (and concern over) the screening of applicants for membership. I cannot visualize a screening program in the association which would not require a check with CIA itself or the use by one of the association officials of information which he acquired while in the service of CIA. This should be an unfortunate and otherwise forbidden personal use of officially acquired information.

5. A second step would require the Agency to deal with the association on a completely unclassified basis. The Agency should




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not furnish classified information to the association. (The proposal includes the recommendation that the "SECRET" study itself be furnished to the organizing committee.

6. A third step would require reworking the idea to provide for the possibility that non-friendly or unfriendly persons could obtain high positions in the association. We just don't know all the people that well, and people and their attitudes do change.

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